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FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

TUSKEGEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION...

HELD WITH

SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH,

NOTASULGA, ALA.,

OCTOBER 11TH TO 12TH, 1898.

W. T. B. LYNCH	Moderator	Shorters, Ala.
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" F. T. HUDSON	Auburn, Ala.
" J. F. PURSER	Opelika, Ala.
" Z. D. ROBY	Opelika, Ala.
" J. H. WALLACE	Opelika, Ala.

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REV. M. W. WHITMAN — Salem, Ala.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

W. E. HUDMON, C. W. HAIR, J. W. LOVE,
F. E. HAYNIE, JOHN J. CLOUD, J. C. CONDON.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening services.
2. Read the Letters from the Churches and enroll Delegates.
3. Invite Ministers of our Order to seats with us.
4. Organize by electing Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
5. Call for petitionary Letters.
6. Receive Correspondents from Sister Associations.
7. Appoint Committees on Preaching, Documents and State of Religion, Home and Foreign Missions, Sunday-Schools, Education, Temperance, Deceased Ministers, State Missions and Colportage, Orphans' Home and Institute Work.
8. Appoint Correspondents to Sister Associations.
9. Appoint Delegates to State Convention.
10. Hear report of Executive Committee.
11. Hear report of any other Committee appointed last Session.
12. Elect the Executive Committee.
13. Hear report from the several Committees appointed this session.
14. Hear treasurer's Report.
15. Determine where the next Session of the Association will be held.
16. Arrange for Printing Minutes and Distribution.
17. Miscellaneous Business.
18. Closing Exercises.

Next session convenes with Salem Church, Lee County, Tuesday before the Third Sunday in October, 1899, at 10 o'clock.

MINUTES.

SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH,
NOTASULGA, ALA., Oct. 11, 1898.

The Fifty-Third Annual Session of the Tuskegee Baptist Association convened with the Salem Baptist Church (Macon County) at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, October 11, 1898.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. W. G. Gregory, after which he, as Pastor of Salem Church, in a few and appropriate words, extended the Association a hearty welcome.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. J. Cloud of Auburn, Ala., from Ephe. 5: 32. Rev. W. R. Adams led the closing prayer.

Adjourned to meet at one o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional exercises led by Bro. W. T. B. Lynch.

Association called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Z. D. Roby. In the absence of the clerk, on motion, Rev. J. H. Wallace was elected temporary clerk. The Moderator appointed Brethren L. C. Adams and Millard Paker to collet church letters, which were read by Rev. Geo. E. Brewer and Rev. C. W. Hare.

ROLL OF DELEGATES.

Union Grove—S. H. Garrell, Monroe Green, W. W. McCollumn.

Elam (Tallapoosa County)—Rev. W. G. Gregory, M. E. Parker, S. M. Humphries, J. E. Gregory.

Liberty—

Pleasant Hill—

Auburn—Wm. Longshore, Hodge Becker, John Binford.

Society Hill—A. H. Rutherford.

Salem (Lee County)—Dr. J. M. Love.

Loachapoka—F. W. Rea, Broxie Carlisle, J. L. Wise.

Salem (Macon County)—J. S. Bryant, W. A. Jackson, J. H. Williams.

Opelika—Rev. Jno. F. Purser, Rev. Z. D. Roby, W. E. Hudmon, R. J. Miles.

Elam (Macon County)—C. B. Huguely, G. A. Huguely, W. L. Simpson.

Concord (Macon County)—Robert Jennings, J. W. Gillispie, J. B. Myhand, J. C. Copeland.

Notasulga—Rev. Geo. E. Brewer, Rev. S. R. Grimes, J. D. Barron, A. M. Cameron.

Shiloh—E. R. Edwards, Fletcher Wade, W. M. Jenkins.

County Line—L. C. Adams.

Tuskegee—Rev. C. W. Hare, F. J. Dismuke, T. Y. Conner, M. L. Swanson.

Pleasant Grove—D. P. Meadows.

Cubahatchee—Reid Smith, W. T. B. Lynch, J. R. Simmons and Tolbert Letcher.

Concord (Lee County)—Rev. J. H. Wallace.

LaPlace—E. M. Swearengen.

Received correspondents from sister Associations:

East Liberty—Rev. W. E. Loyd, Rev. W. T. Foster, James Jester and Miss Virginia Jester.

Central—Rev. J. M. Johnson, G. C. Floyd, W. H. Bachelor, Terra Thrash.

Tallapoosa River—David Horn, William Hays, R. H. Carlisle, D. A. Baker, William Donald and Julius Donald.

Montgomery—J. G. Harris, representing the Alabama Baptist and State Missions.

Cary—Rev. J. K. Jenkins and Rev. W. O. Jenkins, visitors.

Rev. G. S. Anderson received as a representative of Institute Work and State Missions.

Rev. Z. D. Roby, the Moderator, resigned and the following officers were elected.

Moderator—W. T. B. Lynch, Shorters, Ala.

Clerk—Rev. J. H. Wallace, Opelika, Ala.

Treasurer—A. M. Cameron, Notasulga, Ala.

Committee on Preaching—Rev. W. G. Gregory, Deacons of this church, W. T. Duke and M. W. Whitman.

Institute Work was added to the regular order of business—included in the Seventh Article, A Committee on Institute Work, consisting of W. E. Hudmon, Rev. W. E. Loyd and Rev. J. F. Purser, was appointed to prepare a report for this session.

Any member of this Association present at any other be authorized to act as correspondent.

Committee on Preaching reports that Rev. J. F. Purser will preach at 7 o'clock.

The following were chosen as delegates to the State Convention:

Rev. J. J. Cloud, Dr. J. M. Love, J. L. Wise, Rev. F. T. Hudson, Rev. Geo. E. Brewer, Rev. M. W. Whitman, W. T. B. Lynch, L. C. Adams, W. A. Jackson and Rev. J. H. Wallace.

W. T. B. Lynch was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, with Rev. Z. D. Roby as alternate.

Report of Executive Committee and Treasurer, by W. E. Hudmon. Discussed by W. E. Hudmon and Rev. G. S. Anderson, after which it was adopted. A collection was taken to raise money due by the Executive Committee.

On motion, the Executive Committee was re-elected, with Rev. C. W. Hare in place of Rev. S. J. Catts.

Committee on Hospitality assigned the delegates' homes.

Adjournment.

TUESDAY NIGHT.

After singing, and prayer by Rev. G. S. Anderson, Rev. J. F. Purser preached from Luke 23:33, "The death of Jesus by crucifixion."

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. W. R. Adams. Scripture lesson read: 103 Psalm. Prayer by Rev. Z. D. Roby.

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees to prepare reports for the next session:

Education—W. E. Loyd, L. T. Grogan, J. F. Duggar, D. D. Fonville, A. F. Rutherford.

Home and Foreign Missions—Z. D. Roby, S. J. Catts, M. L. Swanson, P. H. Mell.

State Missions and Colportage—J. J. Cloud, F. T. Hudson, C. W. Hare.

Temperance—G. S. Anderson, G. E. Brewer, W. G. Gregory, S. R. Grimes, W. R. Adams.

Deceased Ministers—E. M. Swearengen, J. S. Bryant, J. R. Simmons.

Documents and State of Religion—C. B. Hugely, J. J. Pinkston, George Wright, R. G. Williams, Dr. F. M. Letcher.

Sunday Schools—J. M. Love, Tolbert Letcher, J. J. Pinkston, Yancey Swearengen.

Orphan's Home—W. T. Foster, J. H. Williams, Reid Smith.

Institute Work—Rev. J. F. Purser, F. E. Haynie, Robt. Jennings.

Roll of delegates read and corrected.

Committee on Home and Foreign Missions being absent, the Moderator appointed Rev. C. W. Hare to write and read a report.

Reports of Standing Committees:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Read by Rev. J. J. Cloud.

Your committee on Education beg leave to submit the following report:

The history of the Baptist denomination shows that this most important subject of Education has always received the warm and hearty support of our people. Therefore, it is proper that considerable time should be given to the discussion of this subject.

We have divided our report into four parts, viz: First, Public Schools; secondly, Judson Institute; thirdly, Howard College; and fourthly, the Theologicol Seminary.

1. Public Schools. It is emphatically the duty of every parent to provide the best possible education for his children. Education is one possession that is inalienable. To spare expense in education, with the idea of thus saving money and accumulating property for the child to inherit, is most unwise. Give the children every advantage that can possibly be afforded. Let no child be kept a day from the public school simply because work on the farm is pressing. The great need of Alabama today is an improved public school system for the country districts. There is room for improvement in the length of the school terms, and in the work and pay of teachers. There is also a need which parents can still more easily correct. This is the imperative necessity of hearty cooperation on the part of parents in building up the neighborhood school. There must be complete harmony on the school question, and the hearty moral support of every patron, if the neighborhood school is to do its best work. How pitiable are the dissentions that all too frequently divide the patrons of country schools into factions and render a neighborhood incapable of supporting a good school, where, if there were union and harmony, a first-class school might be maintained. It is our duty as churches and as Baptists to do all possible for the cause of education. We can help on this noble cause by conquering disappointment when the neighborhood school is managed on a plan opposed to some of our pet schemes, or when a Methodist or Presbyterian teacher is elected instead of a Baptist. We can help, by earnest effort, to bring all neighbors into entire accord on local school questions, and by giving our hearty, moral and material support to every promising means for bettering the local public school. One means toward the improvement of the public school system is, the maintenance of first-class

institutions of higher education, competent to prepare teachers for their high calling. While our people come most directly into touch with the education given in the public school, they cannot afford to shut their eyes to the benefits of higher education whether denominational or not, but should endeavor to inspire their children to reach out after the highest attainable education, whatever the sacrifices of pleasure and ease and however great the privation and delay in achieving it.

2. Judson Institute. It is our pleasure to note the advancement and progress of the Judson Institute. This institution, now free from all debt, is worthy of our highest commendation. During the past summer the entire building was renovated and the grounds put in excellent order, special care being had to sanitation. The equipment of the Art Department has also been very materially added to, and a gymnasium for physical culture will very shortly be provided for the use of the students. Situated in a delightful locality, extremely healthy and naturally very beautiful, this institution commands the respect of all lovers of education. It is gratifying to note the large opening of this institution. With the Rev. Dr. Robert G. Patrick, a devoted and consecrated christian, as presiding officer, supported by a corps of talented teachers, we feel that this institution could not be in better hands, and is destined to do great good for the denomination in Alabama and other states.

3. Howard College. It is gratifying to know that Howard College has begun another session with a good attendance of students—better than at the corresponding date of last session—and with an able faculty. Prof. F. M. Roof, A. M., the president, is an educator of wide experience and is thoroughly informed on all educational subjects, being in close touch with the spirit and demands of modern education. He has as co-laborers a faculty of christian men; men of much experience as teachers, and some of them the foremost scholars in the south in the departments over which they are placed. There are ten men in the faculty at present, and two assistant instructors. The buildings are new and in first-class condition, with all of the modern appliances and conveniences of ventilating, lighting, heating, water appliances and sanitation. The College has reduced its debt a great deal in the last few years, and also the rate of interest on the bonded debt. A number of improvements were made last session, of which mention should be made: (1) The bath rooms were fitted up with hot and cold shower and tub baths for the students. (2) An improvement in the quality, supply and pressure of water. (3) A complete gymnasium fitted up and furnished. (4) New patent desks for all the recitation rooms. The courses of study have been strengthened and the number increased from two to seven: a regular A. B. course, an A. B. course with an additional year in Greek for the benefit of ministerial students, a B. S. course, a course in Literature, a course in Pedagogy for teachers, a Commercial course; there is also a Preparatory department. Arrangements have been made for a course of lectures during the present session

by 24 experts and specialists. These lectures will embrace science, economics, history, the Bible, business and the professions, and will be free to the students. All expenses for the last session, including the salaries of the faculty, were paid in full, and $250 in cash was turned over to the executive committee of the Board of Trustees to help pay the interest on the bonded debt. For the present year the faculty has agreed to pay the entire amount of the interest on the bonded debt, amounting to $1,000. The total enrollment last year was 144, the number of graduates 21 and the number of ministerial students 32. Four of the ministerial students who graduated last session are now in the Seminary at Louisville, Ky. The expenses of a student at Howard College for the session of 38 weeks, including board, tuition and required fees: Collegiate, $175; Sub-Collegiate, $165. By comparison with the expenses of a student at other colleges it is seen that the expenses here are very moderate. The sons of active ministers are given one-half of their tuition free. Being located near Birmingham, the centre of that spirit which is reviving the industries of the South, the boys who go to attend college at Howard will imbibe that influence of activity and progress which will put them in full sympathy with the age and conditions before them, while the splendid traditions and memories of Howard College will soften and refine them, and transmit to them the priceless heritage of the Old South, teaching them that a noble and pure manhood is the final and supremest glory of any country or age. The test of the usefulness of an institution of learning is the kind of men it gives to the community, and judging Howard by this rule, her record is a proud one. Many of the ablest, most useful and purest men of Alabama and of the South received their training at Howard College. The Baptists of Alabama, and of the whole country, should be encouraged to stand by this institution for what it has done, for what it is doing and for what its prospects indicate that it is going to do.

4. Theological Seminary. This grand old school of the Baptists is located at Louisville, Ky.,—in the heart of the country and in the hearts of our people. It has had a splendid opening this season, of about 200 matriculates; and while it has been steadily growing in the past, its future is more promising than ever. The Baptists of the South should feel thankful to God for this great and inestimable gift, and hold themselves ever ready to sustain it with their prayers and means. The Seminary has an endowment of $500,000 and $318,000 in buildings and other property. There are no charges for tuition or room rent, and financial aid is furnished indigent young men who are worthy.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. CLOUD, P. H. MELL,
A. F. MCKISSICK, J. F. DUGGAR,
G. W. DUNCAN.

The report was discussed by the Chairman (Rev. J. J. Cloud), Rev. C. W. Hare, Rev. G. S. Anderson, Rev. W.

E. Loyd, Rev. G. E. Brewer, after which it was adopted.

Missionary sermon by Rev. G. S. Anderson, from Mark 4: 14-20. Prayer by Rev. W. E. Loyd. A collection was taken by Brethren W. G. Gregory, W. E. Hudmon, M. E. Parker and B. H. May, to the amount of $8.72.

Adjourned to 1:15.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional services led by Rev. Geo. E. Brewer. Prayer by Dr. J. M. Love.

On motion, it was decided to read all the reports on Missions, including Institute Work, and that they be discussed jointly.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Read by Rev. C. W. Hare.

"The world is the field," but for convenience our enterprises are designated as State, Home and Foreign Missions. Of the two latter departments your committee is instructed to report. Dr. Tichenor is the corresponding secretary of the Home Board, and from his headquarters in Atlanta he is efficiently directing the affairs of that interest. There is not at hand sufficient data to enable your committee to make such a report as should be presented, but, reviewing the work for the past 15 years, we note that there have been nearly 5,000 missionaries at work, and that they have delivered more than a half-million sermons and addresses; have baptized nearly 70,000 converts; added, all told, about 130,000 members to our churches; organized near 2,500 churches, and built and improved over 1,200 houses of worship. The Home Board works among the people of the West, the crowded foreign popualation of the South, the Indians, the negroes and in Cuba. The work in Cuba is to be pushed with renewed vigor.

Foreign mission work has yielded, in some respects, the most gratifying results of any of our denominational enterprises. In proportion to money spent and laborers at work, the conversions have been more numerous than at home. Foreign mission work is hard work, but the world is riper today for the preaching of the Gospel than mortal man ever before saw it. The success of American arms in the Phillipines, in Cuba and in Porto Rico will spread the spirit of religious liberty, of separation of church and state as nothing else could have done. These developments call loudly upon God's people to go forth to sow and to reap for the glory of God.

Last year the Baptists of the Southern Baptist Convention gave $125,681 for this great cause; but if we would be equal to the opportunities which the Master has thrust upon us, we must, as a denomination, give more liberally. Every member of a church ought to share in

this wonderful privilege of aiding in glorifying our crucified, risen and glorified Christ. Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. W. HARE, for Committee.

STATE MISSIONS AND COLPORTAGE.

Read by Dr, J. M. Love,

The State Board of Missions in our system of mission work is but by few of the Baptists of Alabama correctly estimated or fully understood; the object of this report will be to place before this body a plain statement of the objects for which this Board was created, and to awaken deeper interest in mission work.

1. To the State Board is committed all the interest of missions in Alabama, including the interest of the Home Mission Board at Atlanta, and the Foreign Mission Board at Richmond. The employees of the State Board are careful to look after these several phases of missions, realizing that distinctions between them are only in name, each having in view the same grand purpose, viz: The extension of the Master's Kingdom among men, in obedience to His command. Your committee deem it important that the fact, that the State Board has in hand all these interest be clearly set forth, that a contribution to the support of the State Board is indirectly a contribution to the Home and Foreign Boards. It is an evident fact that the prosperity of the Home and Foreign Boards depends upon the prosperity of the State Board. If its policies are vigorously sustained good results will be seen in every department of our work. Every consecrated man put in the field in Alabama, whether evangelist, missionary, pastor or colporter, adds one to the number who have at heart every interest of the Master's Kingdom.

2. The State Board is engaged in the following special lines of work: First, Evangelical. This means the employment of consecrated men to travel and preach among the churches, striving to awaken a deeper interest in the cause of missions at home and abroad, as well as visiting destitute regions and preaching to the lost the peerless Gospel of the blessed God. Under the employment of the Board last year there were four evangelists, viz: Brother A. J. Preston, Southeast Alabama; Brother W. A. Parker, Sr., in the Southwest; Brother J. W. Sandlin in Northeast, and Brother Jos. Shackelford in the northern part of the State. The importance of this work can be better appreciated when we remember, that out of the 120 thousand white Baptists in Alabama not more than 12,000 are making contributions to missions. To add to the number of regular contributors to the cause is greatly to be desired and must be done if we hope to enlarge the work and to do anything like what ought to be done in Alabama for the advancement of the Master's Kingdom. Second, Missionary Pastoral Work. This work consists in helping to support pastors at important points that give promise of soon growing into self-sustaining churches. Beyond question the brightest page in the history of the State Board is that

page that gives record of the work that has been done by this department of labor. There are more than a score of churches that are now strong that in their early history were sustained by the State Board. But, while it is true that a grand work has been done, there remaineth yet much land "to be possessed." Many destitute fields are sounding the Mandonian cry, "Come over and help us;" but lack of means prevents the Board from responding favorably. It is proper to say in this connection that the secretary of the Board gives much of his time to missionary and evangelical work. That this work commends itself to our hearty sympathy and support is a most evident proposition to all who know of the great and glorious work among the class of people that have, in late years, come into the mining region of our State. Towns and villages have sprung up, and almost in every instance, Baptist churches, self-sustaining and contributing to advance the Redeemer's Kingdom. This is enough to make glad the heart of every child of God in Alabama.

Brethren of the Tuskegee Association, let us ask ourselves the question: "Am I doing my whole duty? am I obeying the last command of our risen Lord, 'Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature?' " Can a man be a child of God and do nothing towards carrying or sending the message of salvation to dying men and women? May God give us grace to look into our own hearts and determine this matter by the light of Divine truth. Let us be honest with God and our soul's best interest.

Your committee are happy to state that a small contributiou from all of our churches will enoble our much-loved secretary to take before the next State Convention that the State Board is out of debt.

The work done the present year the committee are not prepared to report. Respectfully submitted,

J. M. LOVE, Chairman.

INSTITUTE WORK.

Read by W. E. Hudmon.

The Institute Board to do Institute work in Alabama was appointed by the State Convention at its last meeting, and is located at Opelika, with W. E. Hudmon president and Rev. G. S. Anderson secretary. The work is prosecuted by holding Institutes in the different sections of the state, by correspondence course and by the paper—The Sermonizer. During the year nine Institutes have been held, attended by 133 preachers; 26 taught in the correspondence course, with 75 enrolled for the next term, while the Sermonizer goes into every part of the State. $809.18 have thus far been contributed to the support of the work by the brethren and churches, $147 of which came from this Association. The Board is located within our bounds, and the liberality of the churches expresses the high esteem in which the work is held. The object of this movement is the uplift of our field ministry. It is the

first and only effort ever made by the denomination to help our preachers at home. If properly prosecuted it will move our entire ministry to a higher plane in the increase of efficiency and by inspiring unity in spirit, in doctrine and in plans of work. The importance, therefore, of the work is an incentive for increased contributions in its behalf. It is gratifying to note that the brethren most enlisted in this work are in sympathy and touch with every interest of the denomination, and while they esteem the general work, just now think Institute work the solution of many of our denominational difficulties. Similar broad-mindedness in all our circles is now a necessity if we would adopt wisest measures and achieve greatest success. This Association is the foster-mother of the work, and will therefore zealously sustain and guard its every interest. We close the report with a quotation from the address of the executive committee recently addressed to the denomination at large.

"We believe that it is a sacred obligation to help these brave and faithful preachers of the Gospel. We believe that to aid these hundreds of preachers who are leading the Baptist hosts in Alabama is the surest, quickest and most scriptural way to touch and help all our churches and denominational interests in the State. We most earnestly solicit thoughtful pastors in every section to help us in the work."

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. HUDMON, W. E. LOYD,

J. F. PURSER.

The reports were spoken to by J. G. Harris, Rev. J. M. Johnson, Rev. C. W. Hare, Dr. J. M. Love, W. E. Hudmon, Rev. Z. D. Roby, Rev. G. S. Anderson and Rev. W. G. Gregory, and were adopted.

On motion, the Association will hold a night session, beginning at 7 o'clock.

On motion, Bro. J. K. Jenkins was permitted to speak on Colportage work.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

Read by W. E. Hudmon.

We are glad and rejoice that the Lord has been merciful in sparing our ministers during another Associational year, and that none of them have fallen by death since our last session.

W. E. HUDMON, Chairman.

Report adopted. Prayer by Rev. G. E. Brewer.

Adjourned till 7 p. m.

NIGHT SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. W. T. Foster.

Scripture lesson, John 14: 1-13. Prayer by Rev. W. T. Foster.

Report of Committee on Documents and State of Religion, of which committee Bro. J. L. Wise was chairman, read by the clerk.

Your Committee on Documents and State of religion beg to report as follows: Having hastily examined the letters sent up from the churches, we conclude that the Spiritual condition of the churches is better than it was a year ago. We are constrained to believe that some progress has been made in the Master's cause. We find from the letters that the total increase of membership of the churches of the Association as reported: By experience, letters, etc., 203; total number dismissed from all causes, 70; total increase for the year, 153. Number of Sunday Schools reported, 14; officers, teachers and pupils enrolled, 936; average attendance, 625.

The Salem church (Lee County) requests that the next session of the Association be held with them, and we so recommend.

Respectfully submitted, J. L. WISE.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Read by Rev. W. G. Gregory, Chairman,

Your Committee on Temperance is pleased to report that so far as our knowledge extends that there is a growing tendency among the churches toward the high and noble grounds of temperance. But we have not as yet attained to that standard of christian life that is required of us by the surroundings in life, leaving out scriptural requisition, and until all of these obligations are met we cannot be flattered into silence, and we trust not into indifference, upon this momentous question. Your committee would urge the importance of studying this question in its true relations to the work, as the light of the world. We as a denomination in our articles of faith, accept the word of God as our rule of faith and practice. So to the word of the apostle Peter in clustering the graces to be added to our faith, places temperance, as third of these graces, that shall make us neither barren, nor unfruitful, in the knowledge, of our Lord Jesus Christ (First Peter, 1st chapters 5, 6, 7, 8). In the next he gives us a word of warning, that if we have not these we are blind. Paul in first Corinthians, 9th chapter and 25th verse, tells us that every man, striving for the mastery, is temperate in all things. Now we are striving for the mastery over the kingdoms of this world, that they may become the kingdoms of our Lord. We must be temperate in order to win. When temperate, we can deliberate, and devise plans, by which the cause may be advanced. When temperance prevails, judgment is enthroned. Every phase of our work, demands sober deliberation as to plans, and executions. Not one phase of the

work is so well established that it would not greatly suffer, from intemperance. If there be any love for the work, if there be any joy in the work, let us be temperate in all things. Intemperance dethrones reason, debases purposes, wastes opportunities, destroys means, brings disgrace, shame, and contempt upon us and ours. Thus crucifying to ourselves the Lord, afresh, and putting Him to an open shame. Intemperance is the towering evil of the day. It sends its emissiaries along the path-way of the missionary, not only making his work harder, but often jeopardizing his life, also placing before the minds of the heathen a hard problem, to-wit. How the people of the same nationality can send a man to preach the gospel to save souls, and send another to sell a thing that destroys both soul and body. Temperance tries to take care of the widow and orphan. Intemperance keeps making more daily. Temperance would tear down and cover our jails and penitentiaries into houses of learning or labor, while intemperance would build more, and fill them up with miserable captives, shut the mouth of the ministry, close the church door, perish out the school teachers, burn or destroy places of learning, and thus draw down upon us the dark mantle of ignorance, supposition and vice. In conclusion we urge that the word requires of us, that we be temperate in all things. The work demands it, our homes claim it, the world be blessed by it, our souls be rewarded for it.

Discussed by Rev. W. G. Gregory and Rev. Z. D. Roby, after which it was adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

Read by D. P. Meadows, Chairman.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows: The Home was temporarily located at Evergreen, Jan. 16, 1893. It was opened to receive its first inmates March 10, 1898. Bro. Stewart being pastor of Evergreen church, was asked to take the management of it, without salary, which he did. By November, '93, there had been gathered into it 22 children. The trustees decided to locate the Home permanently at Evergreen, and purchased property, consisting of 80 acres of land, 30 acres of which are in farm use, 30 pasture and 20 woods; with a brick building of ten rooms and three tenant buildings. The purchase price was $5,000, in three payments, with interest on each payment, which amounted to $5,400.33. This debt was promptly paid. Improvements have been added, by which we have another brick building and former house much improved, with adequate water works and a complete system of sanitation. The improvements cost about $3,500, and are all paid for except about $150 and current expenses to the amount of $400. It takes about five dollars per month for each child to pay all expenses. Since the home was started there have been received into it 43 boys and 53 girls from 22 different counties. There have been sent out by apprenticeship 2 boys; 7 boys and 7 girls returned to their people;

11 boys and 11 girls have been adopted, one boy and one girl have died; two boys have been irregulalry discharged; number now in Home, 21 boys and 33 girls. The boys are taught farm work and the girls various kinds of domestic work. All that are old enough attend literary school and all attend Sunday-school. Fifteen of them have been baptized. Your committee do earnestly recommend that each church contribute regularly to this important work.

Respectfully submitted, D. P. MEADOWS.

Discussed by Bro. D. P. Meadows, Rev. W. T. Foster, Rev. J. J. Cloud, Rev. Geo. E. Brewer, Dr. Z. D. Roby and Rev. W. G. Gregory.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Read by W. T. B. Lynch, Chairman.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, desire to submit the following report: At the last session of this body there were represented 22 churches, with a total membership of 1436. Of this number only 13 report Sunday Schools, with an average attendance of 524—a fraction over one-third of the churches' membership. It is said that the Sunday School is the church at work, but the evidence points to the fact that it is only a part of the church at work. We gather from former reports that there are larger additions to those churches, by experience and baptism, sustaining Sunday Schools; also more liberal contributions to the various objects fostered by the denomination.

It is the opinion of your Committee that the church destitute of a Sunday School is, largely, destitute of spirituality and growth in grace. There are portions of four counties at present represented in the territory embraced in the Tuskegee Baptist Association, and in one or more there are what are known as interdenominational Sunday School unions. Much good has been, and is being, done by reorganizing dormant Sunday Schools and organizing new ones.

A lamentable state exists among our Baptist churches, and one that should be speedily remedied.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. B. LYNCH, J. C. PINKSTON,
N. S. ROBINSON, F. M. LETCHER,
E. M. SWEARENGEN, REV. F. T. HUDSON,
Committee.

Discussed by W. T. B, Lynch, Dr. J. M. Love, W. E. Hudmon, A. H. Rutherford, J. S. Bryant and Rev. W. G. Gregory. On motion, speeches were limited to 2 1-2 minutes. Report was adopted with the understanding that the recommendation be stricken out.

Treasurer's report called for. On motion, the treasurer

was allowed to make a partial report, the full report to be furnished the clerk.

Report read by Rev. G. E. Brewer and discussed by Rev. G. E. Brewer and Rev. Z. D. Roby. Adopted, with the understanding that a tabulated statement be furnished the clerk.

Introductory sermon, S. J. Catts.

Missionary sermon, J. F. Purser.

On motion, the Fifth Sunday meetings were arranged as follows: January, Liberty; April, Notasulga; July, County Line.

PRINTING MINUTES. On motion, the Minute money was turned over to the clerk for the purpose of printing Minutes and paying himself out of it.

On motion, the clerk was instructed to write resolutions thanking the church and community.

RESOLUTION OE THANKS.

RESOLVED, That the Assciation and visitors tender to the pastor and members of the church at Notasulga our hearty thanks, and also to the citizens of the community for their liberal hospitality and care of the Association and visitors during the meeting.

Miscellaneous business.

On motion, this Association adjourns to meet with the Salem Baptist Church (Lee County) on Tuesday before the Third Sunday in October, 1899, at 10 o'clock.

FINANCIAL TABLE OF TUSKEGEE ASSOCIATION, 1898.

CHURCHES.	Minutes.	MISSIONS. Home	Foreign.	State.	Bible and Colportage.	Ministerial Education.	Orphan's Home.	Associational Pur.	Ministerial Institute.	Pastor's Salary, Amount actually paid.	Current Expenses.	Church Buildings and Repairs.	Value of Church Buildings and Property.
Auburn	3 00	27 06	27 06	27 06	.....	.....	21 60	.....	.....	500 00	.....	.....	3500 00
Concord, Lee	75	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 42	1 50	35 37	.....	75 47	500 00
Concord, Macon	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 17	5 00	80 00	7 00	.....	400 00
County Line	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	5 00	2 67	.....	.....	.....	500 00
Cubahatchee	1 50	3 77	13 27	5 81	.....	.....	19 00	.....	20 90	150 00	33 10	.....	800 00
Elam, Macon	1 25	.....	2 00	2 50	.....	.....	3 25	.....	12 72	54 00	.....	1 10	500 00
Elam, Tallapoosa	2 00	1 05	.....	.....	3 80	.....	2 00	.....	5 70	37 30	.....	.....	500 00
LaPlace	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Liberty, Lee	1 50	4 10	3 71	4 88	.....	61	9 30	.....	5 15	60 00	.....	.....	.....
Loachapoka	1 50	.....	3 25	4 68	70	2 94	4 00	2 33	4 94	106 00	.....	.....	1000 00
Notasulga	1 40	4 10	19 90	9 67	2 25	3 45	10 79	5 40	8 63	200 00	.....	.....	600 00
Opelika	4 00	5 00	17 35	10 00	.....	.....	37 69	24 00	50 00	562 50	407 83	980 64	14000 00
Pleasant Grove, Lee	2 00	.....	1 00	2 93	1 02	.....	5 65	.....	.....	.....	7 90	.....	500 00
Pleasant Hill	1 00	2 97	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42	2 50	.....	5 00	.....	300 00
Providence	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rocky Mount	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Salem, Lee	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	4 00	95 15	.....	39 15	1000 00
Salem, Macon	1 50	1 00	.....	2 75	.....	.....	4 00	3 46	5 50	68 75	.....	95 00	600 00
Shiloh	2 00	.....	.....	1 80	.....	.....	1 20	3 68	11 23	35 70	.....	15 00	300 00
Society Hill	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 10	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tuskegee	3 00	33 55	36 85	22 90	.....	19 95	53 70	.....	15 50	800 00	101 50	5 00	10800 00
Union Grove	1 50	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 93	73 28	.....	525 00	600 00
Totals	$33 65	$82 60	$125 39	$95 98	7 77	$26 95	178 28	$56 88	$157 87	$2858 05	$561 86	$1717 36	$36000 00

STATISTICS OF TUSKEGEE ASSOCIATION.

	CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTORS.	CLERKS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.	Ordained Ministers.	Increase. Baptisms.	Increase. Letter.	Increase. Restoration.	Decrease. Letter.	Decrease. Exclusion.	Decrease. Deaths	Present Membership.	Day of Meeting.	Prayer Meeting.	NAMES AND P. O. OF S. S. SUPTS.	Officers.	Scholars on Roll.	Average No. Pupils.	Baptized from S. S.
1	Auburn	Lee	J. J. Cloud	W. B Frazer, Auburn	...	...	...	...	10	...	2	109	Reg	Reg	J. F. Duggar, Auburn	12	97	80	
2	Concord	Lee	J. H. Wallace	B. W. Dixon, Panstone	1	3	3	...	4	...	1	52	2						
3	Concord	Macon	W. T. Foster	J. B. Myhand, Tuskegee	...	11	4	1	8	...	1	48	1	.....	J. B. Myhand, Tuskegee	3	30	24	6
4	County Line	Lee	W. R. Adams	S. L. Adams, Hattie	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	16	3						
5	Cubahatchie	Macon	C. J Bentley	J. R. Simmons, Shorters	...	6	1	...	...	1	1	83	1	Reg	J. C. Pinkston, Shorters	11	75	50	6
6	Elam	Macon	W. G. Gregory	G. A. Huguley, Auburn	...	1	...	1	2	...	...	44	4						
7	Elam	Tallapoosa	W. T. Foster	W. J. Gregory, Gold Dust	1	12	...	3	1	6	1	78	4	.....	M. E. Parker, Gold Dust	6	34	25	9
8	LaPlace	Macon			...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...						
9	Liberty	Lee	W. G. Gregory	G. W. Key, Opelika	...	6	8	...	4	4	1	94	1	Reg	W. B. W. Key, Opelika	6	...	...	
10	Loachapoka	Lee	Geo. E. Brewer	J. L. Wise, Loachapoka	2	1	...	...	1	...	1	55	4	.....	J. L. Wise, Loachapoka	6	15	10	1
11	Notasulga	Macon	Geo. E. Brewer	A. M. Cameron, Notasulga	2	4	2	...	4	...	2	108	1	Reg	A. M. Cameron, Notasulga	8	60	35	1
12	Opelika	Lee	J. F. Purser	Chas. Shaefer, Opelika	3	21	29	...	11	...	...	227	Reg	Reg	Lum Duke, Opelika	20	185	152	20
13	Pleasant Grove	Lee	G. D. Benton	E. D. Guliatte, Yale	...	...	1	2	...	...	1	68	2	.....	W. S. Lawson, Yale	6	32	24	
14	Pleasant Hill	Macon	W. R. Adams	Jimmie Clements, Alliance	1	4	14	...	1	...	...	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15	Providence	Lee			...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
16	Rocky Mount	Lee			...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
17	Salem	Lee	Z. D. Roby	T E. Stringer, Salem	...	...	4	...	5	...	...	58	4	Reg	Dr. J. M. Love, Salem	8	56	44	...
18	Salem	Macon	W. G. Gregory	J. D. Williams, Notasulga	...	2	...	...	2	...	...	65	3	.....	J. L. Jackson, Gold Dust	7	48	25	1
19	Shiloh	Russell	F. T. Hudson	J. L. Chadwick, Uhland	...	9	1	2	7	3	4	96	4	Yes	J. T. Herring, Uhland	4	31	25	...
20	Society Hill	Macon	S. R. Grimes	A. H. Rutherford. Alliance	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	22	3	.....	...	...	...	...	...
21	Tuskegee	Macon	S. J. Catts	Geo. C. Wright, Tuskegee	...	...	5	...	3	...	1	103	Reg	Reg	M. L. Swanson, Tuskegee	8	50	30	...
22	Union Grove	Lee	J. H. Wallace	Monroe Green, Chewacla	...	8	4	2	7	...	1	85	3	.....	J. F. Whitman, Salem	6	36	25	5
					11	93	77	11	70	14	17	1441				116	699	544	49

EXPLANATORY.

The name of J. L. Jackson should have appeared under the head of "Licentiates" on the inside cover page. That part of the Minute was printed before the name was procured.

The reports of the Chairman and Treasurer of Executive Committee should have appeared in their proper places in body of Minute. The copy for these was mislaid or lost in some unaccountable manner, and it was necessary for Bro. Hudmon to prepare the reports again. They appear below.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee beg leave to make the following report:

At a meeting held at the Opelika Baptist Church in April last, the Committee, after considering the outlook for funds necessary to employ a Colporter Evangelist, thought it impracticable to engage in this work this Associational year, and agreed to supplement the pastor's salary at the below named churches, to-wit:

Rev. Z. D. Roby, Salem church (Lee Co.)	$25 00
Rev. G. E. Brewer, Loachapoka	25 00
Rev. J. H. Wallace, Union Grove	25 00
Rev. W. R. Adams, Pleasant Hill	25 00

On motion, W. E. Hudmon was elected Treasurer of the Executive Committee, to fill the vacancy of Bro. E. Brewer, caused by removal from the bounds of the Association.

We recommend that the funds sent up by the churches of this body for Associational purposes be applied to the payment of $51.72, balance due by Executive Committee, as per W. E. Hudmon's report as Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. HUDMON, Chairman.

W. E. Hudmon, Treasurer Executive Committee, from April 18, 1898, to Oct. 11, 1898, inclusive:

April 18, To amt. E. Brewer, Treasurer		$32 37
May 30, To amt. Shiloh church		3 68
Sept. 1, To amt. J. L. Wise, Loachapoka church		83
To amt. A. M. Cameron, Notasulga church		2 40
Oct. 7, To amt. W. M. Hopson, Opelika church		15 00
Total		$54 28
May 18, By Z. D. Roby	$8 00	
By G. E. Brewer	8 00	
By J. H. Wallace	8 00	
By W. R. Adams	8 00	
Sept. 1, By G. E. Brewer	3 50	
By Z. D. Roby	3 50	
Oct. 7, By G. S. Anderson, Institute work	6 00	
By Z. D. Roby	9 28	
		$54 28
Balance due Z. D. Roby	$ 4 22	
" " G. E. Brewer	13 50	
" " J. H. Wallace	17 00	
" " W. R. Adams	17 00	
	$51 72	

Respectfully submitted, W. E. HUDMON, Treas. Ex. Com.

The following collection was taken to raise balance due by Executive Committee;

Auburn church	$5 00
Loachapoka church	2 00
Concord (Lee Co.) church	1 00
LaPlace church	1 00
Opelika church	4 00
Pleasant Grove church	1 00
Salem (Lee Co.) church	1 00
Salem (Macon Co.) church	1 00
Tuskegee church	2 00
W. E. Lloyd	32
Shiloh church (unpaid)	1 00
G. S. Anderson	2 00
	$21 32

For the convenience of the printer, the cash and voucher columns of the Financial Table were consolidated.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be called the TUSKEGEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, composed of messengers chosen from the different churches constituting it, holding annual sessions at such times and places as it may select.

ART. 2. Believing that churches are independent religious bodies, owing allegiance only to Christ, this Association claims no right to interfere authoritatively with their internal concerns.

ART. 3. The Association shall elect from its membership, at each annual session, by ballot, a moderator, clerk, treasurer and an executive committee, composed of five brethren, who shall hold their offices until their successors are chosen.

ART. 4. The moderator shall preside over the body, appoint all committees, unless otherwise instructed, and decide all points of order by the rules in Mell's Parliamentary Practice, subject to an appeal to the body.

ART. 5. The clerk shall keep a record of the proceedings, direct the printing and distribution of the Minutes, and perform such other duties as belong to his office.

ART. 6. The treasurer shall take charge of the money and general property of the Association; report in writing at each annual session, the condition of the finances, exhibiting vouchers for the sums paid out; he shall also provide himself with blank receipts, to be filled and handed to the delegates from the several churches respectively, who may bring up funds, and at the expiration of his term, deliver to his successor the property of the Association in hand.

ART. 7. The advisory committee may fill vacancies occuring in its membership, and shall, under the direction of the Association, manage its business during its adjournment.

ART. 8. At each session, committees of three shall be appointed to report in writing the following subjects: Preaching, Documents, Sunday-schools, Missions, Deceased Ministers, Education and Temperance.

ART. 9. Churches wishing to become members of this body, must petition by letter or messenger, and if found to be scriptural in doctrine and practice, be received to fellowship by vote of the Association, and welcomed by the moderator.

ART. 10. Churches wishing to change their membership, may petition by letter or messenger, and if in fellowship with the body, be dismissed in due form. Any infringement of the laws of this Association, or departure from the faith and practice of the Scriptures by a church, will be a cause of complaint against such church, and will subject it to the discipline of the body.

ART. 11. Messengers, before being enrolled as members, must present evidence of their appointment, giving also the number of the membership of their church, the number received during the past year by baptism, letter and restoratoration, the number dismissed, expelled and dead, with an account of all the money given to the support of the gospel and general benevolence, the condition of the Sunday-school, with statistics, prayer meetings and other good works engaged in by their churches.

ART. 12. Each church shall be entitled to two messengers; when the membership is fifty, to three, and one for every additional twenty-five, or fractional part thereof.

ART. 13. Amendments to the Constitution may be made by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

ART. 14. The Minutes of the Association must be read, approved and signed by the moderator and clerk before final adjournment.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in the existence of one only living God, and that He has made Himself known to His people under the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence and every Divine perfection.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election; that God chose in Christ Jesus from before the foundation of the world to save them that believe, that they should be holy and without blame before him in love, having predestinated them unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated, sanctified, by the Holy Ghost.

8. We believe that nothing can separate true believers from the love of God, but that they will be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time.

9. We believe that the baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the Church of Christ; that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances; and that immersion only is baptism.

10. We believe in the resurrection and the general judgment.

11. We believe the punishment of the wicked will be eternal, and the joy of the righteous will be everlasting.

12. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances only such as are called of God, as was Aaron, and come unto the imposition of hands by a presbytery, and in fellowship with the church of which he is a member.